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Identical letters dated 6 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia dated 5 December 2011 regarding the holding of Russian Parliamentary elections in the occupied Georgian territories by the Russian Authorities (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the holding of Russian Parliamentary elections in the occupied Georgian territories by the Russian Authorities

Tbilisi, 5 December 2011

On 4 December 2011, the Russian Federation, violating the fundamental principles of international law, illegally held elections to the State Duma in the occupied Abkhazian and Tskhinvali regions without the consent of the Central Government of Georgia. The Russian Central Election Commission opened 12 so-called "electoral districts" in the occuped territories. The constituency participating in the elections was represented by the segment of the local population which, as a result of the illegal policy of passportization, possesses Russian passports and by personnel of the Russian occupation forces.

In doing so, the Russian Federation has once again violated universally accepted principles of international law. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls upon the international community to adequately assess the mentioned violation.